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# Introduction

From the Publisher

Published in 2009, “*The Road Home Is A Long Journey*” book explained the seven significant events occurring in the life of Jesus. Each believer who wishes to fulfill their individual purpose and execute the plan determined by God can follow and pass through the Spiritual Journey successfully.

The second book in the series, “*Pearls of Wisdom*”, is written to be helpful for the pilgrimage through the Spiritual Journey. Words of wisdom, stories of encouragement, poems for thought, conversations and dreams are offered to support the believer in their journey.

# A Prayer For Our Readers

Lord,

Open my heart and clear my mind of  
preconceived notions as to what I really  
need. Help me to not look to what's  
written in order to validate what I already  
know.

I pray for the light to shine into any  
darkness I might unknowingly harbor that  
is hindering my closer walk with You.

Amen



# *Epigrams*



The path to happiness never runs smoothly.



Wisdom is plentiful to a free man.



A kind heart without protection is easily wounded.



The only medium for change is hope.



The value of wisdom is contrasted with that of a pearl.

There are times we are forced into the direction  
that we should have found on our own.



The truth spawns many legends, stories, tales, and beliefs.



Wondrous things come from solitude.



What you are conscious of is what you will see,  
and not necessarily what you are looking for.



It's not what you like or don't like that  
determines the direction that needs taken.

Heaven is a place of being that requires  
the new creation to adapt.



An uninterrupted life is having  
a life of smooth movement.



The finest pearl belongs to the one  
who is willing to sell all.



Follow the path of life, and you will  
fulfill your God-given destiny.



Blessings only come through unity  
and harmony with the Spirit.



All things have merit and hold  
something that needs converted.



It doesn't cost anything to pay attention.



All decisions help create circumstances  
that will change your future.



Cooperating and making adjustments or  
corrections as the path bends and turns,  
determines the measure of the outcome.



A surrendered life is one that follows the path  
of devotion onto the highest spiritual purpose.



*Poems*



A grayscale photograph of a person sitting on the ground against a large tree trunk in a forest. The person is looking upwards and to the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

## *Reasons*

A reason to act, so a motive I'll seek,  
soon they line up for a moment to speak.

I can pick number one, or oddly pick two,  
but choosing is contrary to all that is true.

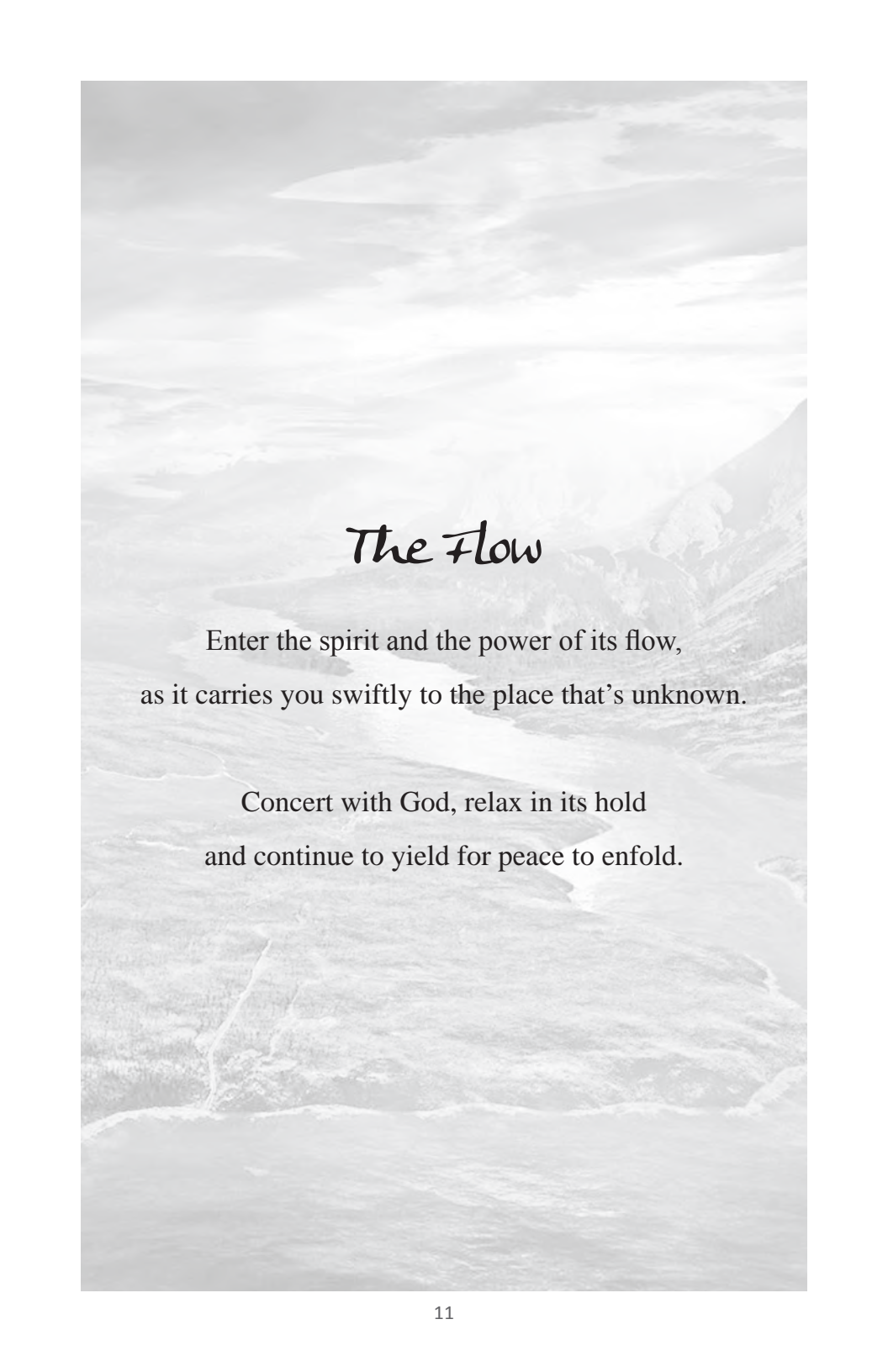
So I must sit in silence, and rest in the still,  
for a soul that's disturbed can find it's tranquil.



## Intruders

They tap at my window, they knock on my door  
thoughts without promise come by the score.

They beckon, they bargain, they love to entertain.  
Lord, help me to see that they're clouds without rain.



## *The Flow*

Enter the spirit and the power of its flow,  
as it carries you swiftly to the place that's unknown.

Concert with God, relax in its hold  
and continue to yield for peace to enfold.



## Turn

Consider each thing  
that is set before you,  
turn from what's false,  
enlist to what's true.



# King

The king on the throne I serve with great pride  
fear and heartache continued to hide.

“Give more, do better, your reward will be great”  
from voices I heard outlining my fate.

“Seek to excel, do all that you can”  
for the king on the throne with the face of a man.



# *Stories*







## The Warrior

As I walked alone, I went into the quiet that I didn't know existed. After a brief moment, it was gone.

On the next walk, a vision opened and I felt something or someone approaching from behind. I turned and saw a big white horse with a rider approaching. The rider and the horse passed through and exited out the front of me.

The warrior held a sword in his right hand, swinging it overhead. He wasn't big, but there was a fierceness about his endeavor.

I looked down the path I was walking and saw a company of dark forces coming towards me. The warrior rode onward into the forces that were coming.

I didn't see the battle take place, but all the dark forces were gone and I was left weakened. Immediately, I felt a peace that I had never know before.

The warrior was my savior, the hope of salvation. He had fought and won the battle on my behalf.

# Not By Sight

Each day, two friends out for a walk passed an empty lot with a broken 'for sale' sign lying on its side. The property was full of weeds and dead trees. A tiny, rusted metal utility shed was the only thing that sat on the property. On this particular day, the inquisitive friend decided to look inside the shed, while the other friend waited impatiently on the sidewalk.

"What a tumbled down mess," she yelled, laughing from the sidewalk, "and the sign says they want \$5,000 but it isn't even worth that!" The investigator walked towards the shed hoping to find a tiny treasure or small or rare antique left behind. She pried open the rusted door slightly and saw a small illumination coming from within.

"C'mon" she waved to her friend, "you have to see this!". Hesitantly, the friend walked over and they stepped inside the tiny shed. The views from every window were majestic and the landscaping was lush and beautiful. Each room held the best furnishings, appliances and decorating that money could buy. Every room had soaring ceilings with watching angels and bright light that didn't come from the windows. In every direction was the most rare and beautiful treasure. As they stood in the light from within, they were in the most magnificent mansion ever known to man.



## Up The Mountain

Head up the mountain and listen, for there are many things that are to be revealed. The road is steep, but it has been traveled before.

Hush and stillness fill the air during ascension. Notice the fragrance. Sit for a while and gaze upon the distant hills and valleys below. There is a haze and darkness that fills the land. Slumber and laziness has filled the heads of many below.

Continue the journey and carefully watch each step because the path will soon become narrow and rocky.

Soon there will be a fork in the road. Many footprints have led to the left for it is the easier path to walk. But when the journey path veers to the right side, it is designed especially for the sojourner. There will be subtle things that will help in the realization that this is the correct path to take.

As evening approaches, the light will change. Rest now for the journey is long and will continue in the morning.



*Walking in Wisdom*



# Anger

Anger is displayed when a person is not satisfied with where they are, what they are doing, and they can't do anything about it. It is wanting and not having. These desires may or may not be godly, and there is no earthly means that will alleviate the dilemma.

There are lots of reasons but only one cause – dissatisfaction.

It's a long road home, not counting the work necessary to bring about the compatibility needed for the unfamiliar yet divine environment that waits each believer.



# Being a Helper

Being a spiritual helper requires an understanding and spiritual insight about what is currently needed in the person's life. Help people where they are, not with what you want them to surrender.



# Blessed

Blessings spring from occupying the place of personal destiny. All heaven's endowment is ready to be released to the individual who dwells in harmony and unity with the spirit.

Blessings come from this union.



# Conversion

Hope remains in all unresolved situations, whether past or present, and it happens to be the cause for revisiting some areas. By returning in the spirit to a former situation for resolution, the hope can be found, redeemed and converted to free the believer.

When we give hope a harbor rather than allow bitterness, regrets and grievances to nest in the bosom, it gives Spirit God something to work with.

Time and distance change nothing. When hope is complete, only the spiritual force of faith has the ability to convert all things into reality.

# Dimensions

“In my Father’s dwelling place, there are many mansions, or many abodes, many domains, or many resting places.”  
Mansions are dimensions or habitations in the spirit.

Whatever level of surrender and corresponding harmony each believer attains is where healing and restoration begins. The understanding we reach is our spiritual level or dimension where we will reside in our eternal home.

Individual resting places are in accord with individual spiritual development.

While living in a body, we can go as far and as high as we are willing to go, however, we must understand and accept the responsibility that goes with a particular state of existence.

The measure of responsibility taken will be the measure of responsibility given. While progressive, it stops when we stop and becomes our eternal and abiding resting place.

An eternal place is provided, but each one of us may exist in a different state of being, with different liberties. The willingness to develop and progress determines the state of our destiny. God would have everyone understand that His will is not limited, but it is the unwillingness to cooperate that sets the limit on both the earthly life and heavenly life.

# Everything

Everything has potential. That potential is sacred because it has the power to be converted.

Disease has the potential to be health, poverty has the potential to be wealth, loneliness has the potential to be content, and so on.

Being latent, it resides in the spirit but is yet without form. Everything is capable of coming into full being.

What lies dormant and inactive is being integrated into the DNA and will eventually manifest in the divine plan.



## Heaven on Earth

The heavenly environment can be brought into the earth and function the way it was intended by the creator. Selfishness prohibits the action required to create what is needed on the earth.

When peace and harmony in a believer's life are constant, that allows the gates of heaven to open and all that has been stored begins to be released to become "as in heaven, so on the earth."



# Humility

Find the place of peace and spiritual safety. This is done through constant forgiveness and unaffected humility in the very circumstance a believer seems to be stuck in.

True humility is to trust and rely on the very one who holds your life in His hands and has your best interest at heart.

During the process, yielding to a defensive attitude will take you down a road that you will not enjoy, for it will open the door to anger, sorrow, resentment and eventual afflictions.

In these days of unrest and uncertainty it is vital that you stay in a position that will afford great blessings, and these blessings will only come through cooperation in attaining unity with the Spirit.

Stay constant and maintain consistency in harmonizing with the Spirit.



# Lost in Space

When you don't know who you are, you don't know what to ask. When you don't know what to ask, you continue doing penance, not knowing what is available.

There is a heavenly environment that exists and is created to fit each believer's divine nature, with interests, talents and skills.



# Maturity

Maturity means fully developed, lacking nothing in the perfect state of being.

Specific circumstances are created to bring about the will of God. It takes maturity in the believer to enter a circumstance and convert it to that which is in accordance with the will of God.

These events are sacred and are not to be toyed with, entertained by, or foolishly debated.

The purpose in created events and circumstances is that they hold a mystery that is ready to be made known.

# Memory Lane

Methods learned that alleviated pain, suffering and misery have been stored in the memory. The same holds true for the afflictions of pleasures and gratifications.

When circumstances are created to bring attention to those afflictions, the solution of how it was dealt with in the past comes to the forefront to be exercised again and again to relieve stress or relive fervor, but it's only a temporary measure.

When that memory is acted upon, the series of occurrences continue its activity and the cycles that are meant to free the believer never get broken.

When the memorized solution is used, the life-giving spirit force is circumvented.



# Moving On

Allowing the internal work of the Spirit is the only way to move forward into each phase of development. There are many spiritual dimensions to enter into and pass through. Graduations from each dimension require cooperation to spiritual progression.

Moving into new dimensions is granted as each freedom is gained. Advancing is not about fulfilling personal desires or heart yearnings. The goal or the task is to progress in the Spirit, and that can only be accomplished by the agreement of both participants.



## One Body - Two Natures

One body was once shared by two: the fallen nature and the Christ-like nature.

As the new divine nature is lived out, the previous interference from the dark forces that ruled the former life will no longer cause disruption.

All things can be accessed by the mind of the spirit and rained on from heaven's generosity.

# Opportunity

Opportunity simply means that a situation or condition has been created to be favorable for attaining a specific purpose. When a situation gets misunderstood, or twisted, it will be seen as the work of the enemy.

Opportunities help us recognize something is about to change, but the plan and the process still belongs to Spirit God.



# Pay Attention

When asking for divine assistance, watch and wait for counsel and refuse to hunt or search for an answer. There is a point to confusion or conflicting thoughts.

Whatever the cause, the purpose for the discord will be revealed and will eventually bring separation from the lifestyle of the world.



# Prayer

Prayer is not just communicating, but it's a way of inviting Spirit God to help. Prayer is requesting that the creator get involved in a life that is full of dilemma.

When the appointed time arrives, situations or conditions are created to allow each believer to enter into and respond according to what has been requested.



# Prosperity

All words have divine meaning and need rightful interpretation.

To prosper means to overcome. Go beyond all limits set by habits, ideas, fears, restraints that stifle the creative nature every believer is destined to possess and develop.



# Redemption

Every thing waits for the opportunity to be redeemed and used for divine purpose. What remains in the service of man alone lies under the curse and the results are of the same father.

When the divine nature of man is able to understand this plan, all objects in his possession receive their designated value. When man uses possessions for his personal benefit, he behaves like a thief.



# Testing

Many times you can't hear, and don't know what to do. Those are the times when the heart is being tested, tried and purified so a believer can move on.

The outcome is still unknown so it's easy to start grasping, making up things, and hunting for some kind of an answer, when there really is none during this time.

God does care, and has your best interest at heart, but it's hard to understand when suffering is present. This is one of the ways that He uses for the believer to come to know Him.

# The Appearing

When He appears, you will see Him as he really is.

When you have developed the Christ-likeness of Him in you, He is seen through you, in your actions, your character, and your words.



# The Heart

The heart of all believers is impartial, having broken all earthly attachments, lending no prejudices to circumstances.

Separation from attachments is a place of honor, and is used to access and assess each situation fairly when called on by heaven's assignment.

This brings heaven to earth, the environment that's needed to establish peace on earth.





# Time

Time is the partner of the Spirit.

When you look for something to fill time, it distracts your conscious mind from paying attention to and cooperating with the Spirit that continually works to bring a plan and purpose to pass. Use time efficiently.



## Truth's Purpose

The purpose of truth is to free the believer from their own personal experiences which are stored in the memory and remains full of prejudices, opinions, habits, pain, regrets and grievances.

These personal experiences are often erroneously used to counsel others. Always remember that it is not possible to take another to a place you have never gone.



## Value

God doesn't value things monetarily as man does. Things get their worth from accomplishing or fulfilling the divine purpose, not man's use.



# *Conversations*



# The Pain of Ignorance

Question: When a person goes through the pain from the consequences of their actions, then why does a person keep taking the same actions only to experience the same pain again and again?

*Answer: Repetitive action and the consequences is not our teacher, but it is evidence to us that we are walking in ignorance of the truth. To be ignorant means “not exposed to”.*

Question: How does a person truly learn and grow?

*Answer: A person can only learn and grow when he finds the path that will help him develop what it is he truly desires. Everything else is cycles of ignorance brought about by travelling the wide road that offers many choices and many options.*

Question: I am struggling here, because I don't learn from these experiences and keep repeating them over and over. The very things I believe in and desire don't show up as fruit in my life. I'm weary, and tired of making the same stupid choices that end up being wrong, hurting people and causing much pain.

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# The Pain of Ignorance (cont'd)

*Answer: You will come to realize that choices are cyclical, deriving from personal motives. They are exempt from faith and obedience and will not show you the way. That way is found through commitment and determination to stay the course that is laid out before you, regardless of the time spent in doing so.*

Question: Nothing seems to change, so what am I doing wrong?

*Answer: It's because you want change for personal benefit more than you want to know God and accept his purpose for your life.*



# Following Two Paths

Question: If I truly believe in God, love God, and have given my life to God, then why doesn't God's love flow through me? Am I lying to myself and to God?

*Answer: Love isn't a flow, it's the Nature of God, and naturally exists. It's who God is, and he planned for us to grow and develop that same nature. But, when we conduct ourselves according to the dictates and desires of the selfish nature, using old familiar habits, methods and tricks, we cultivate the painful condition that we say we want to be free from.*

*Rather than continue drawing water from the same old polluted well, make a conscious effort to quit following the impulses of the old nature. Only then can you really see the true way to walk, learn and develop the traits and characteristics that God possesses. You can't follow both paths. You have to decide, apply all your efforts to continue in that direction, and then you will begin to recognize the path, the way to realize all you've been praying for. This is a very long and tedious process that makes up the journey, but there is no other way. It is likened to eclipse: turning until conversion is complete.*

*It is easier to keep perpetuating a lie, rather than to stand still and admit that you are not who you want to be, nor are you where you want to be. God already knows, but he just wants you to come to that realization. Then you can be taught. This is a more serious venture than anything you have ever faced. It may take a while to prepare your heart for this life-altering endeavor.*

# The Grouchiness Inside

Question: I seem to experience grouchiness, a very serious inner upset and a deep ‘g-r-r-r-r’ towards people, situations, myself and current circumstances. Some days it ebbs and flows, other times it more constant for several days at a time.

*Answer: There is nothing to do about the way you feel, except just be quiet. The turmoil usually means that more maturity is needed. Take the time to absorb or reflect on what has been said to and revealed to you.*

*For now, you still walk in what you old knowledge and have developed particular responses that have temporarily soothed the ailments.*

*But, disturbances indicate that change is needed. That is an unknown and will be accompanied with discomfort because what is in God’s plan for your life can’t be seen or anticipated, and that is the unrest and that feeling of ‘grouchiness’ is the response.*





# *Dreams*



# Dreams

Dreams and visions are methods used by earthly spiritual teachers, helpers and guides to reveal lessons, provide instruction, counsel and direction, and even warnings.

Prophetic events also occur through this medium. These teachers and guides have the authority to use whatever form the hearer can see to understand. Their assignment is to assist in bringing the believer home whereas angels guard and protect believers and intervene when necessary.

Any endeavor to communicate with the spiritual helpers is interference because they receive instruction from God and are accountable to Him alone.

Dreams and visions can range from severity to humorous, depending on the dreamers attention to the spiritual journey. Life's purpose determines intensity and frequency of the dreams. Corresponding events always follow a dream or vision and may transpire immediately, or be scheduled for a later time. Either way, the natural desire to know can allow the imagination to distort or confuse the message being conveyed by the forms or images.

Any desire to remain in the survival mode will cause the believer to twist what has been seen or heard. Asking, waiting and listening with careful deliberation will eventually clarify the nature of any spiritual message and its outcome.



# Bigfoot

I have had a recurring dream about a “bigfoot” monster that chases me and cannot be stopped. It keeps following right behind me, and while it doesn’t hurt me, I want to kill it. But, nothing stops it.

*Interpretation: The thing we fear the most is self, because it has not received light. We always want to get rid of or kill what we’re afraid of. You are right, in that you can’t kill it, but it can’t hurt you either. It is just with you. It follows you on the journey. Eventually, as you come to the light, it stands in the light too and becomes a new creature.*



# Distractions

I was following Jesus, along a dirt road when I noticed all these boxes alongside the side. I went to the side of the road, and looked into one of the boxes, and saw someone in there that needed help. When I went to help them, I was told not to as it would only be a distraction for me and I needed to follow. I felt bad for all the people that I saw along the side of the road that really needed help, but Jesus said that we had to keep going.

*Interpretation: You can’t stop and help every ailing, hurting, sad person along the way. It’s not your time because you still walk by what you see with your own eyes, and not through the eyes of the eternal spirit.*

# Everything is Backwards

I've had several dreams with everything being backwards. I was driving backwards but with the flow of traffic, all the headlights facing me rather than seeing them in the rear view mirror. In another dream, my shoes were on backwards. In yet another, my home was facing the opposite direction from everyone else in my neighborhood. Everything I look at or do seems to be backwards.

*Interpretation: The backwards thing is looking in the “mirror effect”, meaning it is reflective for now. Eventually, all things will be clear and in the correct place as it will be decisively organized for divine use.*



## Restoration

In my dream, our family, including our 90-year-old grandma, were dining at a restaurant. We learned that she was dying. As we were sitting there, I watched her hair begin turning from gray to brown. We stood up to leave the restaurant, and she stood tall at about 5 feet 8 inches. I was surprised and said, “Grandma, how come you’re so tall? You were never that tall!” She replied, “Oh, yes I was, when I was younger.” Her bones seemed to be straightening, her voice was confident and firm and she moved towards the door with vigor.

*Interpretation: There is restoration for each of us.*

# Spiritual Forces

In the dream, I had joined a marathon bicycle race. Before I was finished, I got tired and was wanting to quit. I pulled off the trail in a rest area beside a field. Standing in the field was a man who was leaning on the split rail fence looking at me. I leaned my bicycle on the fence and tiredly walked over to him. We began talking and I told him how tired I was and how much I wanted to quit. He looked at me and said, “You are looking at the wrong thing.” I didn’t know what he meant, but he continued, “Concentrate on the spiritual forces that are working *inside you* to help you finish the course.” With his message in mind, I quickly ran back to my bicycle and began peddling towards the finish line. I was able to finish the race, and was also smiling and breathing slow and easy as I crossed the finish line.

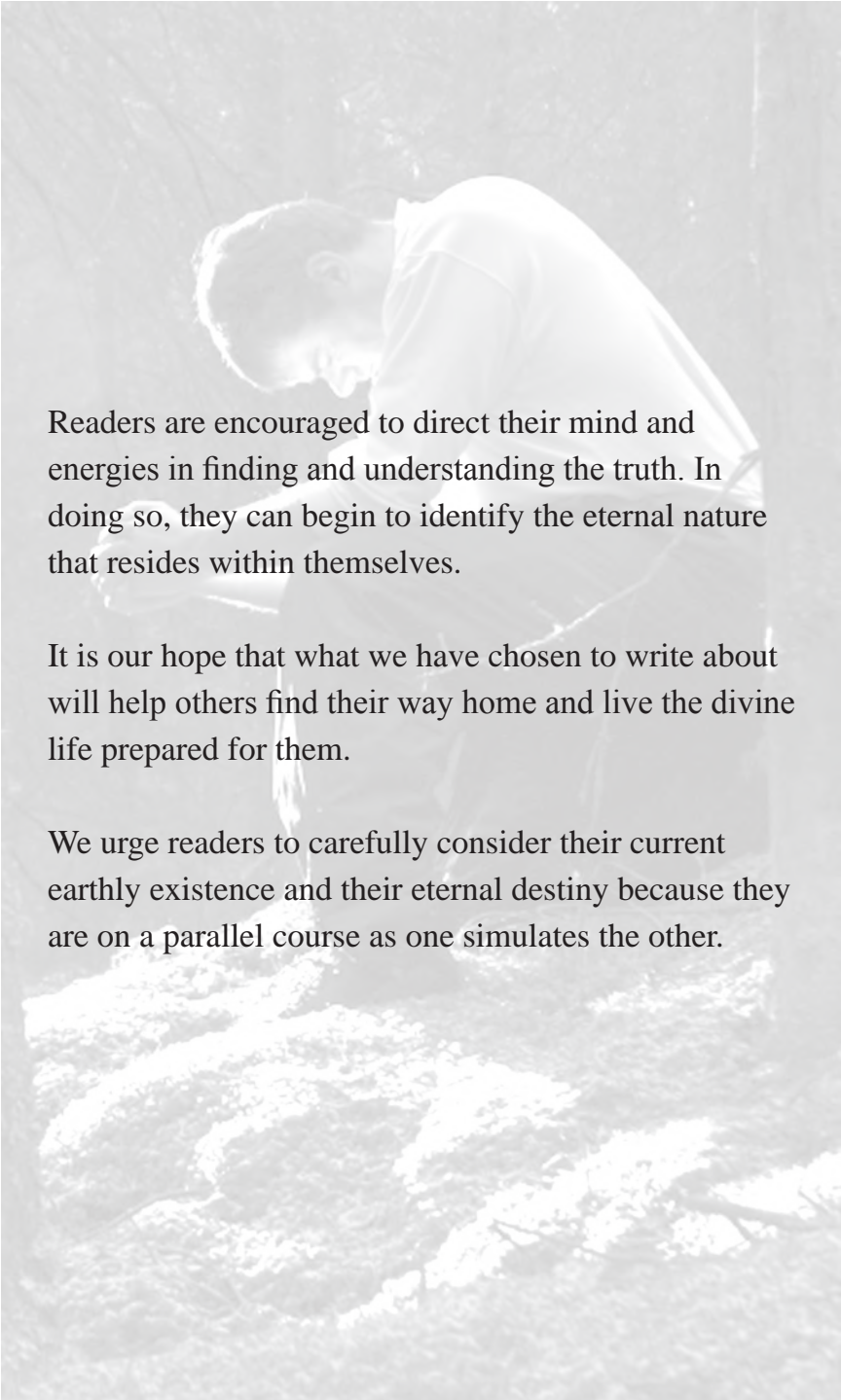
*Interpretation: Stay focused on those things that have eternal value. Those spiritual forces that reside inside us will help in all things we divinely pursue.*





*Author's Note*





Readers are encouraged to direct their mind and energies in finding and understanding the truth. In doing so, they can begin to identify the eternal nature that resides within themselves.

It is our hope that what we have chosen to write about will help others find their way home and live the divine life prepared for them.

We urge readers to carefully consider their current earthly existence and their eternal destiny because they are on a parallel course as one simulates the other.



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